

## **Security Quickie 4**

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In light of Sunday's commencement of military action, this week's Quickie details excerpts from yesterday's FBI Awareness of National Security Issues and Response (ANSIR) communication:

"Today, 10/7/2001, the United States launched military operations against sites in Afghanistan associated with international terrorist Usama Bin Laden and his Al-Qaeda organization. These strikes may heighten the threat to U.S. interests in the United States and abroad."

"As reported in previous advisory updates since the 9/11/2001 attacks, the FBI is tracking a large number of threats emanating from groups sympathetic to Bin Laden, Al-Qaeda, and the Taliban. These groups may use U.S. military operations to justify acts of terrorism against U.S. interests. There is also the potential that terrorist groups not aligned with Al-Qaeda or associated with Radical Islamic Fundamentalism could exploit the current situation by carrying out attacks. Approximately 20 acts of international terrorism were carried out around the world during the Gulf War in 1991."

"Recipients are urged to maintain the highest level of vigilance and to evaluate whether any additional security measures are warranted due to these ongoing military operations."

Also, according to the recent report Cyber Attack During the War on Terrorism: A Predictive Analysis, from the Institute for Security Technology Studies (in the Oct. Security Blanket), events such as the terrorist attack of Sept 11, 2001 and the military response of the U.S. government have been followed by increased cyber attacks and malicious activity. **It is therefore paramount that we maintain a high level of security awareness, both cyber and physical, for the duration of the current crisis.**